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Dear Ms. Barrie:

I am writing to notify you about a recent decision regarding a group of employees from the Rocky Flats Plant in Golden, Colorado. On December 7, 2013, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommended to Congress (see enclosure) to add a group of employees to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

The recommendation would add the following class of employees to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their contractors and subcontractors who worked at the Rocky Flats Plant in Golden, Colorado, from April 1, 1952, through December 31, 1983, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

The Secretary sent the designation to Congress for review, as required under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. If Congress takes no action, the class will take effect on January 6, 2014. We will also publish a final notice in the Federal Register.

The Secretary has also included a health endangerment determination in her decision (see page 5 of the enclosure). You may contest this decision, but must do so within 30 days after you receive this letter. You must include evidence that the decision relies on a record of either substantial factual errors or substantial errors in the implementation of the procedures outlined in 42 C.F.R. pt. 83 of the SEC Rule. You cannot introduce new information or documentation concerning the petition that was not submitted or presented by the petitioners or others to NIOSH or the Advisory Board prior to the Board issuing a recommendation to the Secretary.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Secretary of HHS Designation
Secretary of HHS Letters to Congress
42 C.F.R. pt. 83 of the SEC Rule